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first recording density is readable, displaying on the display of the user interface a message requesting the user to select as the command one of a plurality of recording surfaces from which the data is to be read if identification information indicating that the disc has plural recording surfaces of different recording densities is read from the predetermined area, and reading the data of the first or second recording density according to the selection of the user input to the user interface; and

an RF (radio frequency) module proving the read data from the optical pickup to the controller.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 19, 23 and 24 pending, claims 23 and 24 have been newly added, and claims 4-18 and 20-22 have been canceled without disclaimer or prejudice. No new matter is presented in this Preliminary Amendment.

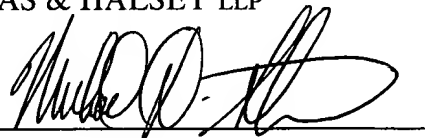
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our deposit account number 19-3935.

Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's attorney.

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